

The Gospel Changes Everything *Small Group Discussion*

ELEVEN **THANKFULNESS**

DISCUSSION **OVERVIEW**

The discussion will focus on our hearts - being called to thankfulness in all things.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Why have so many efforts to change our world proven ineffective, or even destructive? What does it mean to be a faithful presence of Christ in this world? This series will explore how the church can play a role in affecting positive change. The gospel, rather than politics or worldly power or wealth or social media or reclusiveness, changes everything.

LOOK *What do we see around us and in our lives?*

What is the best way you hear (or actually receive) someone telling you “thanks”? Have you told someone else “thanks” in a creative way?

BOOK *What does Scripture say about this?*

Colossians 2:6-7

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Psalms 118:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Hebrews 12:28-29

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our “God is a consuming fire.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

When and how are we called to give thanks to God?

How well is that working in your day-to-day life? When does it come naturally and when is it forgotten or dismissed to give thanks to God?

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Story of the Good News of Jesus.

Creation

God makes all things and they are good

Fall

God's people turn away from God, things are broken. Death and sin rule over all things.

Redemption

God, through Jesus' death and resurrection, rescues his people and defeats death and sin.

Restoration

Jesus returns to be with his people, end all brokenness, and make all things right.

THE GOSPEL *The Good News of Jesus*

Where do we misplace our thanks from Jesus to other things or people?

What can you do to shift your focus from _____ to thankfulness? How can we encourage you to have a thankful heart in daily life?

Accountability/Reflection

Share together and pray for each other

TOOK *What will you take away from today's discussion?*
Possible questions to consider:

Consider what God is telling you *stop, start, change, or continue.*

What part of the gospel do you forget and need to remember this week?

Who do you know who needs to know the truth you discussed today?